## **PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

## Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 805 for the following reasons:

In calling a special election to fill a vacancy in office, many factors are taken into consideration. The desires of local officials; the need to fill an office, particularly for state representative and state senator if the Legislature is in session or about to go in session so the effected people are represented as quickly as possible; and, the possibility of combining the special election with a local election to save money are some of the factors.

No election is called unless there is a vacancy for whatever the reason. In the past some elected officials have been elected to a different position and refused to vacate the first job until the very end, which postponed when the special election could be called. It turns out that each case is different and maximum flexibility is needed in calling the special election. The present law works well and the constraints put on by this proposed bill are not needed.

Therefore, I veto House Bill 805.

Respectfully,

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William P. Clements, Governor



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